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**Re: *In the Matter of the Request for the Removal of Kwame M. Kilpatrick from the Office of Mayor of the City of Detroit,*
No. EO-2008-004-LO**

Dear Counsel:

By letter dated June 3, 2008, I advised that, to comply with applicable requirements governing the removal process under Michigan law, I had proposed to the Governor a two-step process for handling the above-referenced removal request. First, the parties were to be given the opportunity to raise and brief any preliminary legal issues; second, upon resolution of such preliminary issues, the Governor will determine whether the materials submitted to her are sufficient to warrant a hearing and, if so, will schedule and conduct a hearing on the charges. In that letter, I invited your written comments or suggestions regarding the timing or structure of this process; both Mr. Goodman and Ms. McPhail have responded to that request.

I have carefully reviewed your written comments and suggestions and have discussed the matter with the Governor who has directed that the following schedule be established for the resolution of preliminary legal issues:

1. A party wishing to raise and seek resolution of a relevant legal issue prior to a hearing on the merits of the

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removal request shall do so in a written motion accompanied by a brief citing the authority on which it is based; any such motion and brief shall be served and filed on or before August 1, 2008.

2. A party may respond to another party's motion and brief by serving and filing a response brief, on or before August 22, 2008.

3. A moving party may serve and file a reply brief only to address any new matters raised in the opposing party's response brief on or before September 5, 2008.

The Governor will review and resolve any such properly briefed preliminary issues and, if warranted thereafter, schedule and conduct a hearing on the removal charges.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kelly Keenan".

Kelly G. Keenan
Legal Counsel to the Governor

c: Governor Jennifer M. Granholm